

costs directly attributable to the operation of the RHC site, and do not include inpatient hospital costs that have been, or should have been, included in the hospital cost reports.

If subsequent to the approval of this State Plan Amendment, an RHC receives provider-based designation and RHC certification under Medicare from CMS as a "provider-based RHC", pursuant to 42 CFR Part 413.65, the RHC may apply to DHCS for Medi-Cal provider-based RHC reimbursement status pursuant to 42 CFR Part 491.3. Upon verification of such status, the RHC will be paid under the new facility's rate setting methodology (Section J), as appropriately adjusted in accordance with its RHC provider-based status.

6. An FQHC or RHC may elect to have pharmacy services reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis, utilizing the current fee schedules established for those services. An FQHC or RHC that elects to have pharmacy services reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis will not have its reimbursement rate for those services converted to a fee-for-service basis until the FQHC or RHC completes a scope-of-service rate change request and the adjustment to the prospective payment system reimbursement rate has been completed. An FQHC or RHC that reverses its election under this provision will revert to its prior rate, subject to an increase to account for all MEI increases occurring during the intervening time period adjusted for any increase or decrease associated with an applicable scope-of-service change as provided in Section K.

B. FQHCs and RHCs Eligible for Reimbursement Under This Amendment

FQHCs and RHCs eligible for prospective or alternative payment reimbursement are those defined as a "Federally Qualified Health Center" or "Rural Health Clinic" in Section 1905(1)(2)(B), and Section 1905(1)(1), respectively, of the Act.

C. Services Eligible for Reimbursement Under This Amendment

1. (a) Services eligible for prospective or alternative payment reimbursement are covered benefits described in Section 1905(a)(2)(C) of the Act that are furnished by an FQHC and services described in Section 1905(a)(2)(B) of the Act that are furnished by an RHC. The services furnished will be reported to DHCS annually, in a format prescribed by DHCS. Services are covered only to the extent that they are identified in the state plan segments entitled, "Limitations on Attachment 3.1-A" and "Limitations on Attachment 3.1-B" under the service types "2b Rural Health Clinic services" and "2c and 2d Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) services."

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